

I feel that the Morse Code requirement should be eliminated for access to the Amateur Radio High Frequency bands. However, to keep the incentive for an amateur to upgrade their license, and thus obtain more privileges, Morse Code should be retained for the full use of Amateur Radio frequencies.

This petition is on the right track. I think that the Technician Class, General Class and Amateur Extra Class should be retained as they are now established. A new class of license should be established which should be called Technician Plus as this petition states. This new class of license shall require the successful passing both elements 2 and 3.

The privileges that would be bestowed on those Technician Plus licensees would be Phone privileges in the now designated Morse Code portions of the Novice Bands. The transmitter power would remain at a maximum of 200 watts PEP.

This move would have minimal impact on all concerned Amateur General and Extra class licenses since they normally do not use this portion of the bands in question (80, 40, and 15 meters). No additional allocation would be needed in the 10 meter band since there is already a phone allocation there.